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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH BETHEL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH
ELAM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY, ALA.,

September 30th, and October 1st, 2d and 3d, 1886.

OFFICERS:

J. R. COWAN, MODERATOR, Cunningham, Ala.
J. H. CREIGHTON, CLERK, Grove Hill, Ala.
W. J. THORNTON, TREASURER, Coffeeville, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Lower Peach Tree Church, Wilcox Co., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1887.

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—❖MINUTES.❖—

The Third Annual Session of the South Bethel Baptist Association convened with the Elam Church on Thursday morning, Sept. 30, 1886, and was called to order by the Moderator J. R. Brown at 11 o'clock.

Religious Exercises were conducted by Elder W. A. Parker, of the Bethel Association.

In the absence of Elder A. J. Hearn, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, and the indisposition of the alternate, Elder J. B. Small, the sermon was preached by Elder J. E. White, from the 4th chapter of Job.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and prayer was made by Elder J. H. Findley.

Preparatory to permanent organization the church letters were called for and by request of the Moderator, were read by Brothers Isaac Grant and J. D. Cowan, and the following Messengers were enrolled:

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Amity—No messengers present.

Bassett's Creek—J. H. Fendley, James Kelley and W. C. Fendley.

Cane Creek—J. A. Green.

Kentucky—Not represented.

Deep Creek—J. E. White, C. J. Miles and T. J. Bettis.

Elam—J. H. Griffin, T. L. Williams and W. T. Jowers.

Enon—W. M. Evans and T. J. Pearson.

Evergreen—C. H. Bradley and T. B. Guinn.

Forest Springs—J. W. Armistead and J. A. McNider.

Friendship—Not represented.

Grove Hill—J. W. Dickinson, I. Grant, L. M. Fendley.

Hoboken—Gilbert Hudson, G. S. Megginson, J. L. Hastic.

Horeb—J. H. Creighton, James Hart and J. Henry Creighton.

Indian Springs—J. B. Reed, H. E. Trawick.

Jackson—No messenger.

Lower Peach Tree—J. W. Gibson.
 Mt. Gilead—Not represented.
 Mt. Vernon—John Champion and M. B. Gibson.
 Peniel—C. C. McMullen, L. Hickson, G. A. McIntyre.
 Pleasant—G. W. Hill.
 River Hill—A. J. Lambert.
 Rockville—F. T. Payne.
 Salem—R. K. Benson, F. M. Kennedy.
 Stave Creek—Not represented.
 Ulconush—E. Walton, E. T. Wiggins, S. D. Miller.
 West Bend—J. R. Cowan, W. J. Thornton.
 Witch Creek—A. Casity.
 New Hope—P. Davis, W. L. Henderson, D. White.
 New Prospect—W. J. Clanton.

The Association proceeded to elect permanent officers—
 Brothers J. W. Dickinson and S. A. Adams, Acting Tellers.

Brother J. W. Dickinson put in nomination, J. R. Cowan
 for Moderator, J. H. Creighton for Clerk and W. J. Thorn-
 ton for Treasurer.

The election resulted as follows: J. R. Cowan, Moder-
 ator; J. H. Creighton, Clerk; W. J. Thornton, Treasurer.

The Moderator and Clerk returned thanks to the Associ-
 ation for the compliment of re-election to the offices.

Petitionary letters called for.

Letters were presented from the following churches, ask-
 ing membership in this Association:

Suggsville—M. A. Cobb, R. G. Trawick, J. B. Creighton.

Round Hill—John Hancock, C. B. Jackson, J. H. West.

Midway—D. A. Megginson, W. B. Danzey, C. W. Burge.

Putnam—A. J. Hearn, W. H. White, C. Compton.

All of which were received and the hand of fellowship
 was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

The Moderator announced the following committees to
 report during this session of the Association:

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—W. J. Thorn-
 ton, G. W. Hill and W. M. Evans.

On Religious Literature—J. E. White, A. J. Hearn and
 J. H. Fendley.

On Correspondence—J. W. Dickinson, T. J. Bettis and
 T. B. Guinn.

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Elam Church.

On Finance—J. W. Armistead, S. D. Miller and C. W. Burge.

On State Mission Work in our bounds and to correspond with State Mission Board—J. H. Fendley, J. W. Armistead and Isaac Grant.

The Committee on Preaching reported Brother S. A. Adams to preach here to-night.

The Association then adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow. Brother S. A. Adams preached according to appointment.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Brother Miles conducted the Religious Exercises.

The proceedings of the first day were read and adopted.

On motion, where neither delegates or alternates were present, any members from those churches be enrolled as delegates.

On motion, Elders W. A. Parker, J. W. Dunaway and W. V. Vice were recognized as Corresponding Messengers from the Bethel Association, Elder C. W. Hare from the Pine Barren, and Brother J. B. Turner from the Bigbee.

The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Widows and Orphans made a report which was discussed by Brothers W. A. Parker, J. B. Small, J. W. Dickinson, J. E. White, W. B. Williams, J. H. Fendley.

Pending the discussion, a collection was taken for Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Widows, etc., which amounted to \$13.10.

The report was amended by adding a resolution and then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS, ETC.

From time to time, imperfectly and with marked indifference, this subject has come before us. That we are under obligation to support the aged and infirm of all classes there can be no doubt. Certainly there can be no reasonable objection urged against the regular and systematic contributions from the churches for the maintenance, in part, at least, of those who have worn themselves out in the service of the Master.

There is a theoretical acknowledgement of this proposition by many christian people. It needs, however, to be practically admitted. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that a committee of one from each church be appointed to agitate this subject before the churches, in order to secure increased liberality in this direction.

Resolved, That an Executive Committee, consisting of three, be appointed by the Moderator, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the number of Indigent Ministers and families of such deceased; the amount of help needed; to receive and dispense funds that may hereafter be collected, together with funds now on hand, and to report at the next association; also, to the State Board.

J. W. DICKINSON, Ch'n.

The Moderator appointed J. H. Creighton, J. W. Dickinson and J. H. Fendley to carry out the above resolution.

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was amended by resolutions by Brother Grant, then discussed by Brothers J. W. Dickinson, J. E. White, J. H. Fendly and J. B. Small.

The Association adjourned one and one-half hours for refreshments.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association returned to business. Prayer by Brother Hearn.

The report on Temperance was further discussed by Brothers W. A. Parker, A. J. Hearn and C. W. Hare, and then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee is gratified to be able to report that the cause of Temperance is rapidly advancing. Since the last session of your body there have been several very important victories for temperance. We will mention only a few of them. We can not enter into a full detail of them, viz :

Atlanta, a very influential city and capital of the State of Georgia, by a vote of the people, has set the seal of condemnation on the ruinous traffic of strong drink and are now enjoying the blessed results accruing from prohibition, in an increase of business and prosperity. A majority of the counties of that state now have prohibition. In North Carolina quite a number of cities, towns and districts, including Raleigh, the capital of the State, now have prohibition. Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, has also stopped the whiskey traffic, making in all, three capital cities in the South that no longer tolerate the great evil. There have been also many other victories for temperance. We do not only have prohibition within our own bounds, but we are almost entirely surrounded by prohibition. There are a dozen or more counties in our own State that do not allow whiskey sold in their limits. Let us not be satisfied with present achievements; let there be no backward movement, but let every step be forward until our entire county is rid of the monster evil. But, we would recommend that the friends of prohibition be prudent and do nothing that will hinder

instead of advancing the cause of temperance. We do not favor a third, or prohibition party for our State, but would recommend that we work through the predominant party of the State. Let every voter friendly to temperance attend all the primary elections and conventions and see that temperance men are always selected to fill the various offices of the State and county. Then we shall have nothing to fear in that direction.

We think the law requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught in the public schools a good one, and if complied with, will do a great deal towards teaching the evils of alcoholic drinks, and will do much towards educating the youths of our land in habits of temperance.

Resolved, That, having for several years experienced and enjoyed the blessings of prohibition within the district of almost our entire territory as an association, we hereby express our unqualified approval and endorsement of such legislation; and, in the interest of religion, morality and law, would most earnestly and confidently commend similar laws to the people of the entire State.

Resolved, That we most earnestly ask of the General Assembly of Alabama that the prohibitory enactments above referred to, i.e. not repealed, but that they may remain to benefit and bless us and our children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CREIGHTON,
F. T. PAYNE.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Brother J. W. Dunaway was appointed to preach to-night at the church and Brother A. J. Hearn to preach at Brother Wm. Harrison's.

On motion, the Moderator appointed J. H. Creighton, W. J. Thornton and J. E. White to get up a form for an associational letter and report at this session.

The Committee on State of Religion made the following report, which was discussed by Brothers S. A. Adams and J. B. Small, and then adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, after having made all the investigation possible, ask to report that we believe that the spiritual condition of the churches throughout the Association as a whole, is better than at the last session of our Association, and that there has been a perceptible progress in religious work. It is true that there is a difference in the amount of contributions from the churches in favor of last year. When we remember that this has been a year of great financial depression, and further, that a great deal of money has been expended in building churches and in the improvement of church property, we are made to believe and report that the spirit of liberality has not, in degree, abated.

We are glad to be able, also to report as another evidence of spiritual growth, that there is a considerable increase in the numbers received by baptism and restoration. We have conferred freely with the pastors of the various churches in the Association, and have thus been enabled to make a favorable report on this subject, though we learn from them and through

other means that there is still a great lacking of a higher type of christian character and deep pity among christians in their respective fields of labor.
S. A. ADAMS, Ch'n.

On motion, the Moderator appointed J. D. Cowan, T. J. Bettis and M. A. Cobb to apportion to the churches the amount asked for by the State Mission Board, and for other purposes for which the Association proposes to raise money.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Brother J. W. Dunaway lead in devotional exercises.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, and after being discussed by Brothers J. E. White and amended by J. H. Creighton recommending the raising of \$100 for Ministerial Education at the Howard College, was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education deem it necessary to say but a few words. The matter has been before this body so long, or before similar bodies, receiving the attention and support of our denomination, that its objects, aims and advantages are well understood. In this day of progress and enlightenment, when the education of all the people is attracting so much attention and eliciting such earnest efforts of mind and of money, few will deny the importance and necessity of ministerial education to the fullest extent practicable. They, whose calling and business it is to preach the gospel of the Son of God, should be well instructed in their own language, at least, that, added to the greatest possible spiritual training and advantages, they may present with clearness, power and success, the deep things of God's holy word. The great apostle of the Gentiles was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, one of the most eminent doctors of the law. The greatest divines and reformers that have lived since the apostolic era have been men of letters and cultivation.

While your Committee would not ignore, or in the slightest measure, detract from the ability, zeal or usefulness of the dear old fathers of the ministry, who, under the most unfavorable circumstances, accomplished such grand results in the early history of our country, we feel that a different era, surrounded by different circumstances, demands a different ministerial preparation; and that to hold our own as a denomination we must keep abreast with the advancement and progress of the age. Many of the most useful and consecrated of this noble band were quite illiterate, and so were a large majority of their hearers. Many of the most zealous of this number some of us fondly remember. Though dead, they yet speak, and by their example, their burning words and their tears, beckon us on in the narrow way to their happy homes "beyond the smiling and the weeping." Many of our best and most useful ministers of the present day know very

little of classical education. Your Committee would speak only in a general way.

Many have opposed ministerial education because, in their estimation, it gave rise to a kind of dogmatism or magisterial selfishness greatly at variance with the life and teachings of the Savior. He was humble, meek and lowly in heart. True education does not beget a spirit of arrogance, but rather the contrary; and those who, unfortunately, are afflicted with these anti-christian visitations may have cause to doubt the divinity of their calling.

We congratulate the church on what has been done for the education of many of our worthy young ministers, and would desire to impress every Baptist with the importance of doing more yet. The glorious results of these efforts will be seen in this world and in that which is to come.

ISAAC GRANT, Ch'n.

The Committee on Woman's Work made their report, and after being discussed by Brothers J. B. Small, A. J. Hearn, J. W. Dunaway and J. W. Dickinson, was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee beg leave to report on Woman's Work as follows: As far as our own observation, and from what we gather from reports brought in by messengers from the different churches, we conclude that the Woman's Aid Society, when properly organized, is the best plan for raising funds for the support of benevolent enterprises, which we foster as a missionary people. Therefore, we recommend that every church organize and keep at work, these societies.

J. B. SMALL, Ch'n.

The Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests, submit the following report.

On Nominations, we suggest that any brother attending the Alabama Baptist State Convention and sister associations, be authorized to represent us.

We recommend that Elder S. A. Adams preach the Introductory Sermon at the next convention of this body, and that Elder J. B. Small be alternate; that Elder J. E. White preach a Devotional Sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday, J. H. Creighton, alternate.

On Requests, four applications have been made for membership in our body—from Suggsville, Midway, Putnam and Round Hill, which have been granted.

We recommend that the next convention of this body be held with Lower Peach Tree Church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1887.

W. J. THORNTON, Ch'n.

The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother C. J. Miles.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence report the following letter to the Alabama State Convention and also to Bethel, Antioch and Bigbee Associations:

DEAR BRETHREN:

We delegate as Messengers, to represent us in your bodies, any members of our Association who may be present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DICKINSON, Ch'n.

The report on Missions was submitted and discussed in the following order, and then adopted:

State Missions—Brothers W. B. Williams, W. H. DeWitt and James Kelley.

Foreign Missions—By Brother J. W. Dickinson.

Home Missions—By Brothers J. H. Creighton and W. A. Parker.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Gratitude demands that we do as much for others as others have done for us. Through the stripes of the apostles, the fires of the martyrs, the exiles of our modern fathers, the gospel has been preserved and given to us. We have no such punishment to endure, but there are duties for us to perform, which should be discharged with as much christian steadfastness and fidelity as our gospel fathers had in bearing their bodily persecutions. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." We, only have to acquaint ourselves with facts to know that, yet millions of people are either worshiping gods of their own making or miserably blinded by deceitful papal leaders. How are these heathen and misguided millions to be saved? Will we receive the priceless meed if we look inactive on and see them launch into eternity without the gospel lights?

By a chain of questions Paul teaches us that salvation comes by faith, faith by hearing, hearing by preaching and interrogates, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" If we have salvation through faith, and that because we have heard of Jesus through a preached gospel, we should give the gospel to those who have it not.

State Missions—This mission has an efficient secretary in Rev. W. B. Crumpton. He desires all funds for missions to be sent to him. The board of this mission proposes to look after all enterprises of interest to us as a denomination in the State, except Ministerial Education, which is of sufficient merit to have a separate board. This board has a peculiar work no other board can do. It is doing good in bringing up our pastors and

churches to a still higher degree of missionary spirit and of quickening latent material in our bounds. It has introduced a means of collecting funds, called the "envelope plan," that works admirably in places; and, we suggest that the pastor or some active brother try this plan in the different churches. Forty men are now employed, sixty-five labored a part or all of their time last year. As for our own Association, a church has been organized and a house built at Suggsville. A house has been built at Witch Creek. Members have received at our missions, statistics.

Home Missions—The results of labor and money has been especially encouraging. The increase of 1885-6 over 1884-5 are as follows: Men employed, 170 more; churches constituted, 17 more; meeting houses built, 35 more; baptisms, 881 more; received by letter, 611 more; contributions, \$18,568 32 more. It is highly probable that work was done of which we have no report. In speaking of the year's work, one has said: "Under its prudent and wise management, inspired and directed by God's spirit, our Southern Zion is 'lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes' and is marching forward under the banner of the 'captain of her salvation' to new victories and a glorious future."

Foreign Missions—Fifty-six missionaries have been in the field this year as appointees of the Foreign board. Two new missionaries, Brethren McCormick and Wilson, have been sent. One hundred and sixty-nine persons have professed faith and been baptized under the labors of our Foreign Missionaries. Much has been done for which there is no results, but the all-searching eye of God has seen all and He will reward his laborers. The cry for the bread of eternal life comes up from the teeming millions of heathens and Papists of China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico.

Dear brethren, in consideration of the incomparable blessings given in the gospel of the Son of God, we are required to "Go disciple all nations" and to "Preach the gospel to every creature." Will you do this duty, so in the eternal home you will hear "Well done, good and faithful servant?"

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

Association called to order. Prayer by Brother John Cabaniss.

The Moderator being prevented from coming on account of sickness in his family, Dr. T. J. Bettis was chosen Moderator for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Appointments made a report, which was adopted. (See Financial Statistical table.)

The Committee on State Mission Work submitted a report which was amended by appointing Brother J. H. Fendley to supply Rocky Mt. and Hopewell, and then adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION WORK.

We have carefully surveyed the field and discovered that the following places, Suggsville, Jackson and Witch Creek, which have been supplied during the past year, respectively, by Brethren Dickinson, Creighton and Miles, are in a progressive condition, but are yet unable to sustain pastors. Suggsville asks a supplyment of \$50.00, Jackson \$25.00 and Witch Creek \$50.00 to enable them to have pastoral supply this year. And your Committee heartily recommend that the board co-operate with these churches in the appointment of the incumbent ministers there; and furthermore, that the amounts asked for be granted. We also find that the destitution at Rocky Mt. and Hopewell is still undiminished, and we are of the opinion that we ought to aid in supplying these points with regular and efficient preaching; and we suggest that the Association recommend some suitable man who shall supply both these churches, and that he be paid \$100 for his labor. We also request that the churches pay over to these brethren all funds for State Missions, who are authorized to receipt for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Ch'n.

The Committee on Religious Literature made the following report, which was discussed by Brother J. E. White, and then adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report on Religious Literature beg to submit the following:

We most respectfully suggest that Religious Literature, (a comprehensive phrase,) may with profit be read and studied in reference to every religion in the world. But with your permission, we will make Religious Literature refer especially to Baptist books, Baptist papers and periodicals as soundly and scripturally published and sent forth by the Ford's Christian repository, St. Louis, Mo.; the Baptist book house, Memphis, Tenn.; the Baptist publication society, Philadelphia, Pa.; the *Foreign Mission Journal*; *Kind Words*, Macon, Ga.; and last, but not least, our own State organ edited by Brother Renfro, Montgomery, Ala. Let every Baptist pastor of every church in the State urge every member to take, without failure, the *Alabama Baptist*, for it certainly will aid him in feeding his flocks, amply repaying him and all the rest for it.

J. E. WHITE, Ch'n.

The Committee on form of Associational Letter submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We have carefully examined a blank form published by the American Baptist publication society, which we find very complete and we recommend it to the churches.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Ch'n.

[NOTE—The blank letters can be bought for 2½ cents each by the hundred. The churches wanting them can get them of me by sending me 10 cents.]

CLERK.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows : We have received in cash and vouchers,

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For State Missions.....	\$150 65	
For Home Missions.....	86 48	
For Foreign Missions.....	79 98	
For Bible Work.....	2 35	
For Permanent Colportage.....	45 50	
For Indigent Ministers.....	15 70	
For Evangelization of Colored People.....	1 95	
For Ministerial Education.....	67 35	
For Minute Fund.....	43 35	
For cash from Deep Creek for 1887.....	22 05	
Total.....		\$515 36

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By amount of Vouchers.....	\$212 46	
By amount of cash paid Treasurer.....	302 90	
Total.....		\$515 36

J. W. ARMISTEAD, Ch'n.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which was discussed by Brothers T. J. Bettis, J. B. Small and J. E. White, and then adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

After much inquiry from messengers and through letters, we submit our report on Sunday Schools. It is our pleasure to inform you that there has been no abatement in the work. Number of schools, 26; pupils, 704; church members in attendance, 295; a gain in the latter of about 50 per cent. While there has been a slight advance it is a lamentable fact that, notwithstanding all the machinery, money and methods now employed in our modern Sunday School work, the real results are few and feeble when compared to the efforts put forth. We therefore urge all our churches to organize schools at once, and use this divinely appointed agency for the better spiritual development of their members and in leading others to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BETTIS, Ch'n.

At 11 o'clock a doctrinal sermon was preached by Brother W. H. DeWitt from Jude 3: "Earnestly contend for the Faith, etc." Brother J. B. Small preached at the same time out in the grove near the church.

At the close of the services a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$7.10.

Adjourned one and one-half hours.

The Association resumed business again at 2 o'clock.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. COWAN, in account with South Bethel Association for 1885-86:

1885.	DR.	
Oct. 4.	To amount on hand as per report.....	\$209 90
	To amount as per Permanent Colportage Fund	5 25

Total amount on hand. \$215 15

From Deep Creek for ensuing year—

Colportage Fund.....	\$12 00
Home Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Ministerial Education.....	10 00
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	\$42 00

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By amount paid for minutes.....	\$39 00
By amount paid for State Missions.....	24 15
By amount paid for Home Missions.....	47 75
By amount paid for Foreign Missions.....	50 15
By amount paid for Colportage and Bible Work.....	20 99
By amount paid for Indigent Ministers.....	10 60
By amount paid for Colored People.....	4 80
By amount paid for Ministerial Education.....	12 49
By paid Permanent Colportage Fund.....	5 25
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Total..... \$215 18

Deep Creek Fund for ensuing year—

Colportage Fund.....	\$12 00
Home Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Ministerial Education.....	10 00
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Total..... \$42 00

Deep Creek holds Treasurer's voucher for the \$42.00.

W. J. THORNTON, in account with South Bethel Association.

1886.	DR.	
Oct. 2.	To amount from Finance Committee.....	\$302 90
	To amount contributed for Indigent Ministers..	13 10
	To amount contributed for State Missions	7 10
	Total.....	<hr/>
		\$323 10

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By amount of Minute Fund paid Clerk.....	\$43 45
By amount pd. Committee for Indig't Ministers.	28 80
By amount pd. Clerk for distribution for State	
Missions.....	30 80
Balance on hand.....	220 05
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Total..... \$323 10

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. THORNTON, Treasurer.

Brother J. H. Fendly offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved That a committee of two, consisting of Elders J. H. Creighton and J. W. Dickinson, be appointed to take under advisement the Colportage work in South Bethel Association and do what is necessary in order to carry forward this work.

The following was offered by the Committee on the "Envelope Plan." After a few remarks by Brother W. A. Parker it was adopted.

"THE ENVELOPE PLAN."

This is a new feature in our system of contributions. A device of Rev. W. B. Crumpton—(See State Mission Board)—the better way to reach each individual church member. That being the end sought, your Committee do most heartily endorse and commend it to every church composing this body.

T. J. BETTIS, Ch'n.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to expend \$25.00 in the printing of the Minutes and that he keep the remainder for his services in preparing the Minutes for publication and postage, etc.

Resolved, That we, as an Association, extend to Elam Church and community our thanks for their hospitality shown the Association during our stay among them.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report at the next session.

On Ministerial Education—J. E. White, T. A. Creighton and Dr. B. Borroughs.

On Temperance—Isaac Grant, F. T. Payne S. D. Miller.

On Missions—J. W. Dickinson, W. L. Henderson and John F. Murphy.

On Woman's Work—W. B. Williams, C. W. Burge and M. A. Cobb.

On Religious State of the Churches—J. B. Small, A. J. Pace, M. L. Stubler.

On Bible and Colportage Work—H. Adams, C. C. McMullen, C. J. Miles.

On Sabbath Schools—W. H. DeWitt, J. W. Armistead and James M. Nelson.

On Order of Business—J. H. Creighton, A. J. Hearn and J. H. Fendley.

After prayer by Brother J. E. White the Association adjourned to meet with Lower Peach Tree Church, in Wilcox County, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1887.

J. R. COWAN, Moderator.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

H. Adams	Lower Peach Tree
S. A. Adams	Salitpa
J. H. Creighton	Grove Hill
J. W. Dickinson	"
J. H. Fendley	"
William Hill	"
J. E. White	Nicholsville
W. H. DeWitt	"
C. J. Miles	"
W. B. Williams	"
A. J. Stringer	Jackson
J. V. Stringer	"
R. J. W. DeWitt	"
James Kelly	Nettleborough
A. J. Hearn	Putnam
J. D. Hudson	Choctaw Corner
W. W. Whatley	Winn
J. B. Small	Bagget
N. Thomas	Pine Hill

THE AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Bible and Colportage.	Min. Education.		Total.
						Colored Students.	Howard College.	
Amity.....	2 33	2 33	5 62	30	30	30	2 32	13 80
Bassett's Creek...	2 33	2 33	5 62	30	30	30	2 32	13 80
Cane Creek.....	1 55	1 55	3 75	75	20	20	2 00	10 00
Deep Creek.....	11 63	11 63	28 12	3 00	1 50	1 50	11 62	69 00
Elam.....	3 90	3 90	9 40	1 00	50	1 00	3 90	23 60
Enon.....	2 33	2 32	5 62	35	30	60	2 33	13 85
Evergreen.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	80	1 00	20	1 00	10 00
Forest Springs...	9 76	7 76	18 74	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 74	50 00
Grove Hill.....	8 00	8 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	54 00
Hoboken.....	3 10	3 10	7 50	40	80	80	2 50	18 40
Horeb.....	3 40	3 40	8 00	1 00	60	30	3 40	20 10
Indian Springs...	2 33	2 32	5 62	60	35	30	2 33	13 85
Jackson.....	1 55	1 55	3 75	40	20	20	1 55	9 20
L'w'r Peach Tree	4 00	4 00	9 00	2 00	50	50	5 00	25 00
Mt. Vernon.....	3 10	3 10	7 50	80	40	40	3 10	18 40
Pleasant Grove...	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
Peniel.....	3 10	3 10	7 50	80	40	40	3 10	18 40
River Hill.....	1 55	1 55	3 75	40	20	20	2 35	10 00
Rockville.....	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
Salem.....	3 10	3 10	7 50	80	40	40	3 10	18 40
Ulconush.....	4 65	4 65	11 20	1 20	60	60	4 65	27 55
West Bend.....	7 75	7 75	18 75	3 00	1 00	1 00	10 75	50 00
Witch Creek.....	39	39	93	10	5	5	39	2 30
Midway.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	25	6 25	15 00
Putnam.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	50	10	4 99	10 00
Round Hill.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	25	6 25	15 00
Suggsville.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	50	10	4 90	10 00
Mt. Gilead.....	3 00	3 00	7 00	80	40	40	3 00	17 60
Stave Creek.....	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
New Hope.....	4 65	4 65	11 20	1 20	60	60	4 65	27 55
New Prospect....	1 55	1 55	3 75	40	20	20	1 55	9 20
Kentucky.....	39	39	93	10	5	5	39	2 30
Friendship.....	40	40	90	10	5	5	50	2 40
Total.....	\$104 52	\$102 51	\$237 51	\$17 45	\$26 65	\$13 45	\$127 40	\$640 10

We, the Committee on Appointments, respectfully submit the above report.

J. D. COWAN,
T. J. BETTIS, } Com.
M. A. COBB, }



STATISTICS OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, 1886.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POST OFFICES.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY							DECREASE BY							Present Member-ship.	SUNDAY SCHOOL				
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Preaching Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.						
Amity	Clarke.	J. H. Creighton.	James Foreman	Suggsville	45		3			4				41	4	20				4	1				
Bassett's Creek	"	J. H. Fendley.	G. W. Stephens	Grove Hill	95	5				6	1		1	95						3					1
Kentucky	"	A. J. Stringer.		Salitpa... ..	9																				
Cape Creek.. ..	Wilcox..	J. B. Small	D. A. Crocker.	Lower Peach Tree	56	11	2		1					70	4	46				2					1
Deep Creek.. ..	Marengo..	J. E. White.	M. M. Tucker.	Nicholsville..	82	16	8		1	5	1			101	8	47							1		1
Elam.. ..	Clarke..	J. H. Fendley	J. B. Sanders	Glover	112		5		1	3			1	114						2					
Enon	Wilcox	H. Adams.	C. W. Awtry	Pine Hill	70	11	5		2		4			84 *						2					1
Evergreen	Clarke..	J. V. Stringer.	W. T. Bradley.	Walker Springs	23	6			4					31	5	25				2					1
Forest Springs	Marengo.	J. E. White	D. F. Little	Marvin.. ..	204	17	7		5	23	7		5	198						2					1
Grove Hill	Clarke..	J. E. White	L. L. McLeon.	Grove Hill	109	2	4			6				109	4	38							1		1
Hoboken.. ..	Marengo..	A. J. Hearn	G. M. Smith	Nicholsville..	39	3	2		1	6	1			38	4	22				4					
Horeb.. ..	Clarke..	J. H. Creighton	J. J. Dacy.	Grove Hill	61	1	2		2	3	2		1	60	4	25				2					1
Indian Springs	Marengo..	J. B. Small	W. B. Doyle	Clay Hill.. ..	56	4	2			1				61	5	40				4					1
Jackson.. ..	Clarke..	J. H. Creighton	A. Primm.	Jackson	9		2			1				10						3					
Lower Peach Tree..	Wilcox	J. W. Dickinson..	M. L. Staller	Lower Peach Tree	32	1	1							34						1					
Mt. Gilead	Clarke..		J. N. Jones	Walker Springs	40		1							41											
Mt. Vernon.. ..	"	J. B. Small	W. J. Spinks	Choctaw Corner	100				1	10				101	5	35				1					
New Hope	"	J. W. Dickinson..	R. B. Danzy.	Choctaw Corner.	134				1	17			4	114						3					
New Prospect.. ..	"	S. A. Adams	F. P. Hare	Bedsole.. ..	110		2			1	11		1	101						4					
Pleasant Grove	"	R. J. W. DeWitt.	J. P. Booth	Winn	57	7	3		4	10	1			60	4	20				3					1
Peniel.. ..	"	A. J. Stringer.	J. E. Payne	Jackson	82	3							1	84						2					
River Hill	"	R. J. W. DeWitt.	D. L. Lambert	Salitpa... ..	52		5			1			1	55						1					
Rockville.. ..	"	J. H. Creighton	N. J. Bradley	Singleton	21					5				16						1					
Slave Creek.. ..	"	J. V. Stringer.		Jackson	25									25						2					
Salem	"	J. H. Fendley	J. W. Wilson	Grove Hill	126	5	6		4	11				122						1					
Unionush.. ..	"	A. J. Hearn	J. D. Bedwell	Coffeeville..	150	12	9		1	6	4		4	158											1
West Bend.. ..	"	J. W. Dickinson.	W. J. Thornton.	Coffeeville..	42	3								45						4					
Witch Creek	"	C. J. Miles	G. W. Dunnigan	Cunningham..	14	5	2			2				19											
Midway	"	J. H. Fendley.	C. W. Buge	Tallahatta Springs.		10	20							55	5	24				4					1
Putnam	Marengo..	A. J. Hearn	E. D. Little	Putnam		5	6		2	2			1	24	4	20				1					1
Suggsville.. ..	Clarke	J. W. Dickinson.	Jere Cleveland.	Suggsville		6	2							19						2					1
Round Hill.. ..	"	J. B. Small	J. M. Nelson	Choctaw Corner		28	15		2					61	4	30				2					1
Slave Creek.. ..	"	J. V. Stringer	L. H. DuBose.	Jackson	39	1				2	2			36											
Total.. ..					1965	170	85		33	132	23		19	2288	62	402							3		16

Churches organized during the year—Putnam, Suggsville, Midway and Round Hill. * Two schools, but no numbers.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, 1886.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building at home)	Ministerial Education.						Minutes.	Associational Pur- poses.	Benevolence.	Sunday School.	Women's Society.		Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
			Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Bible and Colpor- tage.	Colored Stu- dents	Howard Col- lege.					Southern Bap- tist Theologi- cal Seminary.	Home Missions.					
Amity	2 33		2 33	5 11	60	*2 80			1 25						14 75	75 00	300 00	500 00	
Bassett's Creek.	50		50	1 50	50			50	1 50						5 00		350 00	350 00	
Cane Creek.	1 00		85			1 25			1 05						4 20		38 00	200 00	
Deep Creek	17 50		17 50	25 10	5 00			20 00	1 50						89 60	200 00		800 00	
Elam.	3 00		2 00	3 00		3 00			2 00						13 00	100 00		100 00	
Enon.	2 50			2 50	1 75			2 50	1 50						10 75			300 00	
Evergreen.	77		77	1 87	10	40		20	75						4 21			300 00	
Forest Springs.	5 00		5 00	7 50				3 15	1 00						21 65	200 00		500 00	
Grove Hill.	7 75		7 75	18 75	2 00	5 00		7 75	2 15						50 65	200 00		800 00	
Hoboken.	3 15		2 00	1 00	80	10		3 15	1 50						15 40	100 00		500 00	
Horeb.	2 30		2 35	10 00		10 00			1 50						26 15	60 00		300 00	
Indian Springs.	2 00		1 85			1 25			1 00						6 15	75 00		300 00	
Jackson.	1 55		1 55	3 73	40	20		1 55	80						10 00	60 00		300 00	
Lower Peach Tree	3 88		3 88	9 37	1 00	5 00		3 87	1 00						28 00	150 00			
Mt. Gilad	1 00		1 00	2 00	1 00				1 00						6 00			400 00	
Mt. Vernon	2 00			95		1 25			1 05						5 25			400 00	
Midway.	25		2 75						1 00						4 00	75 00		400 00	
New Prospect.	2 00		2 00		2 00			2 00	1 50						9 50			400 00	
New Hope	1 65		1 65	11 20	1 20	5 00		1 00	2 00						32 70	150 00		500 00	
Peniel	2 00		1 00	2 50	1 00				1 00						10 50			300 00	
Pleasant Grove	1 20			2 25	1 00				1 00						5 45			300 00	
Putnam.									1 55	10 00					11 55	75 00		300 00	
River Hill.	1 25		1 25	1 25	1 25			1 25	1 55						7 80			350 00	
Rockville	2 10		2 10	5 00		5 00		2 30	1 00						17 80	75 00		200 00	
Round Hill	3 00		35			1 25			1 00						6 60			300 00	
Salem								50	2 15						2 65	75 00		400 00	
Suggsville.									1 00						1 00	75 00		500 00	
Ulconush.	6 65		1 40	13 00		1 25		5 95	3 00						31 25			500 00	
West Bend	7 76		7 76	18 71	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 71	3 00						47 00	150 00			
Witch Creek	39		39		10	5		5	1 05						2 42			300 00	
Stave Creek.				1 50	1 50										3 85				
Collections at Asso'n				7 10	13 10				85						20 20				
Total.	\$87 48		\$79 98	\$154 15	\$31 30	\$47 85	\$1 95	\$67 35	\$15 20	\$10 00					\$530 22	\$1895 00	\$768 00	\$11,000 00	
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